

## **Mehran accuses Pakistan of following Hitler's policy in Balochistan**

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A voice of sanity from Balochistan, who is highly respected by Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari, profusely thanked the U.N. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance for visiting Balochistan.

Speaking at the U.N. Human rights Council, Mehran Baluch, who is the youngest son of veteran leader Nawab Khair Bakhsh Marri, thanked Rapporteur chair Professor Olivier de Frouville and Professor Osman El-Hajje, who Thursday concluded a 10-day fact finding mission to Pakistan, with special focus on Balochistan.

"Balochistan, as many in this council are fully aware, is today the world capital of enforced disappearances," Mehran Baluch told the premier Human Rights Council.

He said these enforced disappearances in Balochistan pose the most serious challenge to the rights and freedoms promised by the U.N. to peoples of the world under Item 3.

Mehran Baluch, who says that he was first sent to the U.N. by former Balochistan chief minister Sardar Ataulah Mengal, is widely respected as he has said Baloch militants do not have the right to become judge, jury and executioner.

"I am sad to inform this council the chief judge of Pakistan refused to meet the U.N. team under the pretext that the issue was being heard in the Pakistani Supreme Court," Mehran Baluch said about request made by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance for a meeting with the chief justice of Pakistan, Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry.

"As if to add insult to injury, a second judge justice retired Javed Iqbal reportedly told the U.N. team that only 26 persons have been forcibly disappeared," Mehran Baluch said, adding, "The Pakistan judges' attitude towards the U.N. mission only reinforces the fears of the people of Balochistan that there is little hope for justice for them as Pakistan judges take direction from the military G.H.Q."

He said to mislead the world and its own people, a cacophony of opposition voices has been raised by front offices of the Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency such as the Diffa-e-Pakistan Council and the so-called Punjab Forum who have described the U.N. mission as an international conspiracy against Pakistan led by Zionists, Christians and Hindus.

Balochistan human rights defenders say in spite of appeals by the Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Asian Federation Against Enforced Disappearances and the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad has continued with the systematic practice of enforced disappearances against the people of Balochistan.

"Pakistan is carrying out Adolph Hitler's night and fog policy of enforced disappearances, coupled with the kill and dump policy, in Balochistan with impunity," Mehran Baluch said.

Mehran Baluch, who is a Briton, has close friendship with Pakistan human rights defender Asma Jahangir and people from other ethnic groups in Pakistan.

However, sober sections of the Baloch Diaspora in the U.S. are concerned that extremist elements by justifying violence may have Mehran Baluch blacklisted by Western governments and debarred from visiting the U.S.

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